

West Athens-Westmont

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE 2012



Mark Ridley-Thomas Supervisor, Second District

Dear Community Member,

The County of Los Angeles is pleased to offer the 2012 edition of the Connection; a resource guide especially prepared for the West Athens-Westmont community! This annual publication connects you to local and regional County services, recreation, community organizations, and important public safety information.

There have been many exciting improvements; including the development of a new community garden; construction of affordable housing for seniors; the addition of a new shuttle service, the LINK Shuttle; improvements to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center and Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center; and the opening of the new MLK Center for Public Health.

The County hopes that you enjoy the **West Athens-Westmont Connection** and encourages you to save this guide as a handy reference. Your input is welcomed. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the **West Athens-Westmont Connection**, please forward them to:

County of Los Angeles-Chief Executive Office

Office of Unincorporated Area Services, 723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or e-mail your comments to uas@ceo.lacounty.gov

Living in West Athens-Westmont

West Athens-Westmont is located within unincorporated Los Angeles County. This means that West Athens-Westmont is not a city, but is one of the many unincorporated communities in which the County is responsible for providing all municipal services such as law enforcement, animal control, road maintenance, library services, and recreation activities. Residents who live in West Athens-Westmont are represented by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, which maintains a field office at the Inglewood Courthouse, located at One Regent Street, Room 620.

Here Are a Few Tips on How You Can Improve the West Athens-Westmont Community:

Use Your West Athens-Westmont Connection!Use this guide as a resource to become better informed about how to access County departments and services.

Share Your Knowledge! Tell your friends and neighbors about County departments and County services.

Get Involved! Work with an existing resource, like the Southwest Community Association, the Sheriff's Neighborhood Watch program, or start your own neighborhood meeting, and work in partnership with County government.

If you have questions or need assistance accessing County services, please contact your local Field Deputy at (310) 419-5161.

Southwest Community Association

The purpose of the Southwest Community Association is to involve residents like you in the civic and economic issues that affect the quality of life, security, property values and general well-being in the West Athens-Westmont community.

The Southwest Community Association meets the 2nd Monday of each quarter at 6:30 p.m. For more information, or if you are interested in becoming an active member of the Southwest Community Association, please send a postcard or letter with your name, address, home and/or business telephone numbers to Mr. Henry Porter Jr., President of the Southwest Community Association, at the following address:

Southwest Community Association P.O. Box 47898 Los Angeles, CA 90047

Serving the Community-The County Develops State of the Art Healthcare Facilities



Martin Luther King (MLK), Jr. Center for Public Health

The grand opening of the new MLK Center for Public Health was held on October 7, 2011. The new Center is a 30,000

square foot, two-story state of the art structure. It has been designed to meet the County's requirements for sustainable buildings utilizing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, and is forecasted to be certified as LEED Gold.

This \$20 million facility is located adjacent to Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science, and across the street from the MLK Campus.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Inpatient Tower Renovation

A major rehabilitation program is currently underway at the MLK Medical Center. The project includes the renovation and conversion of the existing 190,000 square-foot Trauma Building into a new Inpatient Tower.

The planned overhaul will also see the construction of a new 25,000 square-foot Ancillary Building to house a cafeteria and hospital administrative services and the transformation of the existing Pediatric Acute Care and Medical Records buildings into the hospital lobby/reception area.

In an effort to optimize energy efficiency and minimize operational costs, the County has designated that all the new on-site buildings meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification standards. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2013.

Multi -Service Ambulatory Care Center

The new 137,000 square foot Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MACC) building will offer a wide variety of surgical and outpatient clinical services. Clinical services will include general medicine, orthopedics, pediatrics, women's, walk-in, pharmacy, radiology, cafeteria/kitchen, and central sterilization storage.

The North and South Support Buildings will be renovated to house various support operations. Site infrastructure upgrades, parking, landscaping and street improvements are also part of the project.

This facility is being designed to meet LEED Silver certification and Civic Arts standards. Construction is scheduled to be completed by 2014.



THE LINK-New Shuttle Service for West Athens-Westmont

The LINK is a shuttle service that connects to various transit lines operated by Metro, DASH, and the cities of Torrance and Gardena. Through this regional network, local residents can easily access a variety of local and regional destinations including libraries, schools, parks, medical and social service providers, youth and senior community centers, and major shopping centers.

Service Hours:

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays

The LINK departs on the hour and operates throughout the community along a circular loop. The shuttle does not operate on the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Fares:

General: 25 cents per trip
Senior citizens (60 and older): FREE
Persons with a disability: FREE
Children under five years old: FREE

The shuttle also accepts all valid Metro and EZ transit passes. For additional information, please call the Department of Public Works at **(626) 458-5914** or visit www.LaGoBus.info.

One Step Closer To a Plastic Bag Free LA County!

Phase two of the County's plastic bag ban ordinance in the unincorporated communities went into effect on January 1, 2012. The ordinance means that approximately 700 small grocery stores, convenience stores, foodmarts, and pharmacies located in the unincorporated County areas, will no longer provide single-use plastic carryout bags. Instead, customers will have to use their own reusable bags or



buy recyclable paper carryout bags for a charge of ten cents per bag.

The ban on plastic carryout bags will substantially reduce litter, protect the environment, and strengthen the County's efforts to reduce the negative impact of single-use plastic bags.

Phase one of the plastic bag ban ordinance went into effect on July 1, 2011 and applied to supermarkets and large pharmacies.

For more information please visit, **www.aboutthebag.com** or call **(888) CLEANLA**.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Empowerment Congress Celebrates 20 Years of Empowering Communities!

On January 14, 2012, the Empowerment Congress celebrated its 20th anniversary at the University of Southern California's Bovard Auditorium. The celebration included speeches by keynote speaker, the Reverend Al Sharpton and actor/author Hill Harper; and a series of workshops that focused on topics such as economic development, healthcare reform, and community capacity building. In addition, a diverse group of non-profit organizations and County departments including Community and Senior Services, Community Development Commission, Consumer Affairs, Health Services, Human Resources, Public Health, Public Library, and Public Social Services, were on-site to provide resource and referral information.

Founded in 1992, the Empowerment Congress is a community-based, non-profit organization created with the intention of educating and empowering constituents to actively engage in the governmental decision-making process. Focusing on issues such as Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Education, Health and Environment, Human Services, Mental Health, Public Safety and Justice, and Senior Services, the Empowerment Congress strives to advocate for community improvement.

For more information about the Empowerment Congress, please call (213) 346-3246 or visit http://empowermentcongress.org.



Los Angeles County General Plan Update

The Los Angeles County 2035 General Plan provides the policy framework for how and where the unincorporated County will grow through the year 2035 while recognizing and celebrating the County's wide diversity of cultures, abundant natural resources, and status as an international economic center. Comprising approximately 2,650 square miles, unincorporated Los Angeles County is home to over one million people. The Los Angeles County 2035 General

Plan accommodates new housing and jobs within the unincorporated area in anticipation of population growth in the County and the region.

For more information on the Los Angeles County 2035 General Plan please visit http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/ or contact the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, General Plan Development Section at (213) 974-6417 or genplan@planning.lacounty.gov.

County Services Are Now Available Through a New IPhone App, "The Works"

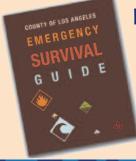
If you live, work or drive in Los Angeles County and don't know which government agencies to contact for services, then you need "The Works".

"The Works" allows County residents to request and track services, such as pothole repairs, graffiti removal, street sweeping, or report illegal dumping. The "Report a Violation" service enables residents to report incidents of alleged property violations. If the service request is not handled by Los Angeles County, "The

"The Works" is a great way to get the latest news on road closures, upcoming events, and local transit services. It also helps users locate the nearest Public Works office, library, water company and utility providers.

Works" will provide you with the appropriate contact information.

You can download "The Works" for free from the App Store or go to www.dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks for details.



Be Prepared! The LA County Emergency Survival Guide Provides Vital Information to Unincorporated Area Residents

The LA County Emergency Survival Guide provides helpful tips and information to residents to prepare for fires, floods, earthquakes, pandemic flu, terrorism, extreme weather, and tsunamis. Also included are pages where residents can record their personal household emergency plans; including contact lists and evacuation gathering points, checklists for gathering emergency supplies that will help families, individuals, and their pets survive after a major disaster.

Download your copy of the Emergency Survival Guide at www.lacoa.org.

Certified Farmers' Markets

The term "certified" used in the phrase "Certified Farmers' Markets" means that the produce is brought to the market straight from the farm, either by the farmer personally or by an employee. Only California grown produce may be certified. Los Angeles County agricultural inspectors visit and certify participating farms growing crops locally. They inspect the markets and review all farmer's papers for accuracy, thereby certifying that the farmers are only selling what they, themselves, have grown.

Below are some Certified Farmers' Markets near the West Athens-Westmont community opened year-round:

El Segundo	760 S. Sepulveda Blvd.	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
El Segundo	Main St. between Holly & Pine Avenues	Thursdays	3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Gardena	Hollypark Methodist Church Parking Lot 13000 S. Van Ness Avenue	Saturdays	6:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
	At Western Ave & 162nd St.	Wednesdays	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Hawthorne	12601 S. Isis Ave. North of Del Air Park	Saturdays	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Lawndale	147th St. & Burin Avenue	Wednesdays	2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Los Angeles	Adams & Vermont 1432 W. Adams Blvd	Wednesdays	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Manhattan Beach	13th St. between Valley & Morningside Dr.	Tuesdays	12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Redondo Beach	Torrance Boulevard west of Veteran's Park	Thursdays	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Torrance	Charles H. Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard between Carson and Sepulveda	Tuesdays and Saturdays	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Westchester	Westchester Park, Lincoln & La Tijera Blvd.	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy California-fresh produce in your neighborhood each week. For more locations, visit http://acwm.lacounty.gov/scripts/cfm.htm or call (562) 622-0426.

Annual Clean-Up Campaign

To promote a cleaner community, the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita Garbage Disposal District will receive a special clean-up service in May 2012. Consolidated Disposal Service will collect unlimited amounts of the following household items from your regular trash placement area: furniture, washers, dryers, tires, computer monitors, household bedding, lumber, CD/DVD players, lawn furniture/ equipment, dishwashers, televisions, small electronics, refrigerators, water heaters,

microwaves, bundles of green waste, stoves, and other similar bulky items. For more information, call Consolidated Disposal Service at (800) 299-4898.

Visit Your Local Fire Station in May

Every May, the Los Angeles County Fire Department hosts Fire Service Day. All County fire stations host an open house, and the public is invited to learn more about the services provided by the Department.

For the location of the annual regional Fire Service Day event, please contact the Fire Department's Public Affairs Section at (323) 881-2411 or visit the Department's website at http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/.

Sewer Condition Assessment Program: Your Sewer Charges at Work

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will continue its Condition Assessment Program (CAP) in the unincorporated area of West Athens-Westmont. CAP is part of the County's on-going sewer maintenance and rehabilitation efforts and supports the overall quality of the sewer infrastructure.

The CAP conducts closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspections and structurally rates 500 miles of the County's sewer infrastructure each year. The televising prioritizes focus on those sewers with the most potential for repair needs. Maintenance history, past overflow records, sewer locations, and age are some of the factors used to determine which pipes will be televised.

Under this program, a CCTV van crew gathers video and data for each pipe segment to identify any deficiencies. Engineers review the tapes and video logs to determine if the sewer facilities should be repaired or replaced immediately, or scheduled for future improvements.

In the fall of 2012, approximately 5,800 linear feet of sewer lines in the West Athens-Westmont area will be refurbished. The work being done to these sewers will extend their service life for another 50 years.

RECREATION PROGRAMS/SPECIAL EVENTS



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

http://parks.lacounty.gov

★Where indicated, the following programs are **FREE!** Please contact the Park for more information.

Helen Keller Park ———

1045 W. 126th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90044 (323) 241-6702

Park Hours:

Monday through Sunday: Sunrise to Sunset

Staff Hours:

Monday through Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

-- Youth ---

After School Program*

Monday through Friday September through June

6 to 12 years 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Boy's Flag Football

6 to 16 years

6 to 16 years

Dates: TBD 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. November through

January Fee: \$35/child

Boy's and Girl's Basketball

6 to 16 years Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$40/child January through April

Boy's and Girl's Track Team*

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April through June

Computer Class* 7 to 15 years

Monday through Friday (Year Round) 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dance Group*

6 to 16 years Tuesdays and Thursdays (Year Round) 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Gang Abatement/C.U.R.E.* 10 to 18 years

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month (Year Round)

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Pride Honor Discipline[★] 10 to 17 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays (Year Round) 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Adventure Camp*

12 to 17 years 2nd and 4th Saturdays (Year Round) 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Snack Program[★]

Monday through Friday (Year Round)

18 years and under 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Summer Day Camp

6 to 12 years Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. June through August Fee: \$30/week



Summer Lunch^{*}

Monday through Friday

July through August

13 to 18 years

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

18 years and under

12 to 18 years

Teen Club*

Fridays (Year Round) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Toastmaster's Leadership Club*

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (Year Round)

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m

Youth Baseball

Monday through Friday Saturdays March through July

5 to 15 years 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (practice) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (games) Fee: \$40/child

Youth Cheerleaders

August through January Fee: \$30/child

5 to 15 years Dates and Time: TBA

- Adult -

Aerobics Class*

18 years and up Tuesdays and Thursdays (Year Round) 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Arts and Crafts*

18 years and up 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday (Year Round)

Morning Walking Club[★]

18 years and up

Tuesday through Thursday (Year Round) 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Helen Keller Park (Continued)

-- Family --

Helen Keller Park Movie Program*

One Saturday a month (TBA)

All Ages 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

--- Special Events ---

Easter Egg Hunt^a April (Date TBA)

All Ages 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo Festival³ May (Date TBA)

All Ages 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Father's Day Basketball Tournament

All Ages Time: TBA

June (Date TBA)

Fee: TBA

Gospel Jazz in the Park*

July (Date TBA)

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Halloween Celebration*

All Ages October 31, 2012 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Community Dinner*

November (Date TBA)

All Ages 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Helen Keller Park Christmas Party*

December (Date TBA)

3 to 12 years 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Community Breakfast*

January (Date TBA)

All Ages 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FREE Helen Keller Park Movie Program

The British Academy of Film & Television Arts of Los Angeles (BAFTA/LA) introduced the Inner City Cinema (known as "Movies in the Park") at Helen Keller Park in 2005.

Over the years, BAFTA/LA has screened approximately 50 films at Helen Keller Park. Movie screenings have included popular films such as Tsotsi, Madagascar, Akeelah and the Bee, Shackles, The Sage Hunter, The Wizard of Oz, The Great Debators, The Heart of the Game, Pride, Santa Claus 2, Gridiron Gang, Three Kings, Mighty Times, Long Shot and Hairspray. Approximately 150-200 people attend each screening.

As a bonus, movie directors, producers and cast members participate in a question and answer session after each movie screening. Past celebrity guest speakers include Gridiron Gang star Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Hairspray's Elijah Kelly and The Great Debators Nate Parker, Denzel Whitaker and Jurnee Smollett and most recently, the special guest was Lorna Luft, daughter of Judy Garland.

BAFTA/LA continues to provide new, exciting and quality family films to the community free of charge. Come out and join the fun!

Jesse Owens Community Regional Park

9651 S. Western Avenue • Los Angeles, CA 90047

(323) 241-6704 (Park Office)

(323) 241-6708 (Pool Office)



Park Supervisor-Reggie Hamilton • Pool Manager-Don Lightsy

Park Hours:

Monday through Sunday:

Sunrise to Sunset

Staff Hours:

Monday through Friday: Saturdays Sundays and Holidays:

11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

--- Youth ---



Karate Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays Saturdays (Year Round) Fee: \$25.00/month

5 years to Adults 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Snack Program*

Monday through Friday September through June

18 years and under 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Summer Day Camp

Monday through Friday June through August

6 to 12 years 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fee: \$50 / week

Summer Lunch^{*}

Monday through Friday July through August

18 years and under 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Teen Club*

Thursdays (Year Round) Saturdays (Year Round)

13 to 18 years 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tennis Program (NJTL)*

Mondays and Wednesdays July and August

8 to 13 years 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Youth Baseball (Hollywood Indies)*

Monday through Friday (practice and games)

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (games)

March through July

Saturdays

5 to 15 years

RECREATION PROGRAMS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Jesse Owens Community Regional Park

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--- Youth (continued) ---



Youth Basketball

5 to 14 years Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (practice)

Saturdays

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (games)

November through March Fee: \$60 /child

Youth Football (Woodcrest Generals)

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays

August through November

Youth Football Cheerleader (Woodcrest Generals)

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays August through November

Youth Soccer

Mondays and Thursdays Saturdays September through February

5 to 14 years 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

> (practice) Fee: \$235/team

> > 3 to 14 years

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fee: \$165/participant

5 to 17 years 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fee: TBA



Monday through Wednesday (Year Round)

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Aquatic Aerobics*

Tuesdays and Thursdays (Year Round)

18 years and up 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Community Meetings[★]

1st Monday of each month

All Ages 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Karate Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays Saturdays

5 years to Adults 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$35.00/month

Women's Basketball

Tuesdays May through August

18 years and up 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Fee: \$200/team

-Special Events

Easter Program*

Saturday April 7, 2012

City Lites Bike Tour*

All Ages 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All Ages

Hours: TBA

Halloween Event[★]

May (Date TBA)

October 31, 2012

All Ages 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Community Dinner*

November 20, 2012

All Ages 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



1930 West 120th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90047 Reservations/Pro Shop: (323) 756-6975

Banquets: (323) 756-2516

Hours: Monday throught Sunday • Sunrise to Sunset

Chester Washington Golf Course, with its rolling tree lined fairways and subtle breaking greens, offers golfers of all skill levels a challenging day of golf. Conveniently located near downtown Los Angeles and the LA International Airport; this par 70 layout once hosted the Gardena Open.

Chester Washington Golf Course offers a fully stocked pro shop and a beautiful driving range for the guests' enjoyment. Chester Washington Golf Course was a proud finalist for the Los Angeles County Course of the year award in 2006. Amenities include: golf instruction, cart and club rentals, banquet facilities and a coffee shop.



Course Features:

Regulation 18-hole course featuring level terrain, two lakes and large trees.

Men: Par 70/6,321 yards • Women: Par 73/5,673 yards

Hollywood Bowl

2301 N. Highland Avenue • Los Angeles, CA 90068 (323) 850-2000 www.hollywoodbowl.com

Park Hours: Monday throught Sunday • Sunrise to Sunset

Known as the world's largest natural amphitheater, the Hollywood Bowl features some of the finest classical, pops, jazz, opera, and ballet performances. The summer season includes spectacular fireworks, classical, jazz, Latin salsa, and modern new age concerts. The Bowl also features a museum, children's festivals and picnic areas. For over 85 years, the Hollywood Bowl has kept the public entertained with great music at affordable prices!

Amenities:

- Picnic Areas
- Conference Rooms
- Gift Shops
- Restaurant & Concession Stands
 Patina Group (323) 850-1885
- Museum (323) 850-2058

Activities:

- Interpretive Display Bowl Walk
- Museum Lecture Series
- Open Rehearsals
- Summer Sounds Children's Programs
- Various Summer Concerts



Let's Go to the Hollywood Bowl! Hollywood Bowl Park-And-Ride Express Bus Service

The Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride is an express bus transportation service to summer season performances at the Hollywood Bowl. Each year, this bus service is provided by several transportation vendors from various park-and-ride lots throughout the County of Los Angeles from June through September.

The service provides buses that are air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible. Passengers with pre-purchased park-and-ride tickets pay less for their roundtrip ticket and get priority boarding over those paying cash at the park-and-ride lot. Tickets are available in

advance at Ticketmaster outlets at **(800) 745 3000**, the Hollywood Bowl Box Office at **(323) 850-2000**, and online at hollywoodbowl.com.

There is a park-and-ride lot in Westchester: Westchester Shopping Center, located at 6212 West Manchester Avenue (between Sepulveda Boulevard and La Tijera). The parking area is between building 6232 and Ayara Thai Cuisine. The trip to the Hollywood Bowl is approximately 45-minutes.

Patrons may call the Hollywood Bowl Box Office for specific departure times.

Woodcrest Library -

Daniel Granados, Community Library Manager 1340 W. 106th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90044 (323) 757-9373

Hours

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sundays Closed

Programs and Services

• Family Story Times: Woodcrest Library has a pre-school and toddler story time every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

• Family Place: The Family Place Center has toys and seating for adult care givers and very young children. Family Place

workshops are held several times a year. Call the library for times.

• Homework Center: Computers, materials, and trained staff are available to help students with schoolwork.

PUBLIC LIBRARY



www.colapublib.org

• Live Homework Help:

This free online service connects students in grades Kindergarten-12, college intro and adult learners with live tutors in Math, Science, English and Social Studies. The

service is available from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day. Use it in the library or at any location with an Internet connection. Go to www.librarytutor.org.

- Summer Reading Program: Kids can keep up their reading skills in the summer months June through August by joining summer reading activities at the library.
- Wireless Access: "Free Wireless Internet Access" is available
 to library card holders with laptop computers. Simply bring
 your WiFi-capable laptop to the library to take advantage of
 wireless Internet access.
- Monthly holiday programs are offered throughout the year.
- Used book sales are held twice a year in April and December.



Woodcrest Library (continued)



At the library:

The libraries have many resources available: Books, audio books, videos and DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers. Materials are available in English and Spanish. Public computers provide free Internet access. The library catalog and indexes to newspaper and magazine articles are online. A wide range of online databases include information on genealogy, consumer health issues,

and skill-building/test preparation/practice exams. There are coin-operated copy machines. Library staff will help customers find materials.

From your home computer:

With a free County Public Library card, you can have access to a variety of helpful services from your own computer including ebooks and free downloadable music. Just apply at any one of the County's 85 public libraries and have free access to full-text magazines, newspapers and other resources!

> You can use our premium research tools to find information about business, health and medical issues, genealogy, car repair, homework topics for students of all ages, and much more. To access these resources go to www.colapublib.org, click on "Find Articles and More" at the top of the page, select the resource you want, and enter your library card number.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sheriff's Department http://lasd.org

South Los Angeles Station

1310 W. Imperial Highway Los Angeles, CA 90044 (323) 820-6700

For emergencies, call 9-1-1!





Captain: Matt Dendo

To report a crime or suspicious activity, please contact the South Los Angeles Station at (323) 820-6700.

Along with policing services, the South Los Angeles Station offers community programs through its Youth Activities League (YAL). Services offered are classes in Karate, Boxing and Life Skills. In addition, facilities for weight lifting, basketball, skate park, computer lab, tutorial assistance and programs with a focus on Youth Leadership Council and Explorers are also available.

The South Los Angeles Station also offers adult community programs such as senior safety classes, community academy courses, R.A.D. defensive classes, on-going community task force meetings and "Zumba" classes to keep everyone healthy.

To obtain information and details about community programs, please contact the South Los Angeles Station YAL located at 11911 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90044 or call (323) 242-8784 for more assistance.

Annual Community Events-South Los Angeles Station Youth Activities League

Audrey and Sydney Irmas Youth Center 11911 S. Vermont Avenue • Los Angeles, CA 90044 (323) 242-8784

The South Los Angeles Station's YAL provides young people in the West Athens-Westmont community with positive alternatives to drugs, gangs, anti-social and criminal behavior. The following annual events are held at the center. Please call the YAL for more information about available programs.

Summer Program – The summer program is open to all community youth between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Activities include a computer lab, skate park, basketball games, dance class and free zone. Field trips include movie outings, roller skating, swimming, "fun in the sun" days and more.

Back to School Bingo – Each youth enrolled in the program who participates in this event goes home with a backpack and school supplies. Over 135 kids participate in the bingo games with hopes of winning one of the many donated "overly stuffed" backpacks which are filled to the rim with supplies.

Haunted House – In October, a few monsters, ghost and goblins come out for this annual event. Enrolled participants, their families and community members are invited to enjoy a night of food, fun and candy provided by staff, volunteers and generous donors.

Christmas Extravaganza - This event is held at the end of December to bring the community together for the holidays. Attractions include free food, games jumpers face painting, and clown acts. Children in attendance will receive a gift from Santa Claus!

Fire Department

http://fire.lacounty.gov

Fire Station #14

1401 W. 108th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90047 (323) 756-9900

Fire Safety Tips: Using Portable Electric Heaters

It is estimated that half the deaths and one third of the injuries from electric heater fires happened at night when family members were asleep and the heater was unattended. Power or extension cords can also be too small to supply the amount of current

required by the typical portable heater, resulting in fire.



Operate a heater away from combustible materials. Do not place heaters where towels or other materials could fall on the appliance and trigger a fire.

Avoid using extension cords unless absolutely necessary. If you must use an extension cord with your electric heater, make sure it is marked with a power rating at least as high as that of the heater itself. Keep the cord stretched out. Do not let the cord become buried under

carpeting or rugs. Do not place anything on top of the cord.

Never place heaters on cabinets, tables or other furniture. Never use heaters to dry clothes or shoes.

Fire Safety Status Check

To be safe, you should be able to answer "yes" to the following statements:

- The heater is at least three feet away from furniture, drapes, bedding and other combustible materials.
- The extension cord (if used) is marked #14 or #12 American Wire Gauge (AWG).
- The heater is on the floor.
- The heater is turned off when family members leave the house or are sleeping.

New Law Requires Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Homes

Starting July 1, 2011, California State law requires all homeowners to install carbon monoxide detectors in their homes. This legislation is part of the State's new Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act (Senate Bill 183). While previous laws required newly-constructed homes to have carbon monoxide detectors, the new law



requires all owners of an existing single-family home with an attached garage or fossil fuel source also to install an alarm. According to Acting State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), carbon monoxide claims the lives of an average of 480 people per year and sends more than 20,000 people to emergency rooms across the nation.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. Heaters, fireplaces, furnaces and many types of appliances and cooking devices can produce carbon monoxide. Inspecting and maintaining fuel-burning appliances can reduce the threat, but the best way for homeowners to stay protected is to have a carbon monoxide detector installed on every floor and outside each sleeping area. For more information on how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, visit the CAL FIRE website at http://www.fire.ca.gov/.

California Highway Patrol

6300 Bristol Parkway, Culver City, CA 90230 (310) 642-3939

Monday through Friday: Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) handles traffic-related issues such as speeding, cruising, collisions and other traffic violations in the unincorporated community of West Athens-Westmont. If you have questions related to traffic violations, accident reports, or if you need to have your vehicle released from impound, please call the CHP West Los Angeles office at **(310) 642-3939**.



Safely Surrendered Baby Program

The Safely Surrendered Baby Program allows a parent of anyone with lawful custody to surrender a newborn child (72 hours or younger) to any firefighter on duty at any fire station in Los Angeles County. The purpose of the law is to protect babies from being hurt or killed because they were abandoned. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, the person may surrender the baby without fear of arrest or prosecution for child abandonment. For more information, visit www.babysafela.org or call 1 (877) BABY-SAFE.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Public Works

http://dpw.lacounty.gov

Don't Be a Dumper!

Illegal Dumping is any unauthorized disposal of waste on public or private property. The



County is committed to reducing the occurrence of illegal dumping, which is punishable by a fine up to \$10,000 and up to six months in jail. To report illegal dumping, contact the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Environmental Programs Division at (888)-8DUMPING or visit the Department's illegal dumping website at

www.stopillegaldumping.com, and click on the illegal dumping link to file a confidential report. You can also find other information and resources to prevent illegal dumping at this website.

Regional Planning http://planning.lacounty.gov

Z-NET:

Find Your Zoning

Z-NET provides geographic information regarding zoning, land use and several other overlay layers in a very simple user interface by



Parcel Number. Another key feature of this new application is to determine

whether a property is within an unincorporated area or within one of the County's 88 cities. http://planning.lacounty.gov/ to find your zoning.

Recycle Today for a Brighter Tomorrow

Minimizing the amount of waste you generate can help create a more sustainable environment for future generations. Help reduce your environmental impact by conserving resources, avoiding wastefulness, and redesigning your daily activities to be as environmentally-friendly as possible.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Protect the community. Safely dispose of household hazardous, electronic, and universal wastes by bringing them to the County's free collection events.
- Be part of the recycling loop. Purchase only items made from recycled materials.
- Know what you can and can't recycle. Learn the recycling rules and regulations for your area. Contact your waste hauler for specific collection guidelines, and try to follow them as best you can.
- Make your own compost. Learn how to mix brown and green organic materials with water to create nutrient-rich soil for your yard by attending a free Smart Gardening workshop.
- Spot an entrepreneurial opportunity in someone else's discards. LACoMAX.com is a free service used to help businesses, organizations, and institutions find alternatives to the disposal of valuable materials. Use this online service to find something you need or to make available something you have.
- Recycle your old magazines. Give them to doctor or dentist offices, gyms or
- Get the most out of your utensils. Reuse your cups, plates and forks rather than single use plastic dinnerware and utensils.

Remember to do your part for the environment and recycle. Learn more by visiting the County's Residential Recycling program website, www.RethinkLA.com





http://acwm.lacounty.gov

Don't Bug Your Neighborhood!

Fruits, vegetables, and other plant materials that come from outside of California may bring with them pests such as insects, diseases, and weeds that don't belong in California. Those things are problems because they kill or harm native species, damage buildings, destroy landscaping and home-grown fruits and vegetables, and add extra costs to California's agriculture industry - costs that will get passed along to consumers.

You can help in two ways:

- 1) when returning to California from a trip out of state, do not bring back prohibited fruits, vegetables, and other plants with you; and
- 2) discourage your family and friends outside of California from sending such things in the mail. Call (562) 622-0426 to find out what is prohibited.



Community and Senior Services

http://css.lacounty.gov

Services:

(877) 477-3646 **Adult Protective Services** (800) 510-2020 Area Agency on Aging (800) 510-2020 Dispute Resolution **Employment and Training** (888) 226-6300 Human Relations Commission (213) 738-2788 Ombudsman (800) 801-0030

Willowbrook Senior Center

12915 S. Jarvis Ave. • Los Angeles, CA 90061 (310) 217-5650

Hours: Monday through Friday • 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Willowbrook Senior Center is dedicated to improving the quality of life of older persons in the community. Classes are offered by staff in line dancing, quilting, computer literacy, exercise, sewing, arts and crafts, Spanish, English as Second Language, and Woodcraft. Congregate meals Emergency Food Distribution is provided. Also, there is a Hispanic Outreach Program and a Hispanic Club.

Public Social Services

http://dpss.lacounty.gov



Southwest Family District #83

8300 S. Vermont Ave. • Los Angeles, CA 90044

(323) 549-7661

Participant Helpline: (323) 549-7655

The Department of Public Social Services provides the following benefits and services to low-income residents of Los Angeles County:

- Temporary financial assistance and employment services for families and individuals;
- Free and low-cost health care insurance for families with children, pregnant women and aged/blind/disabled adults;
- Food benefits for families and individuals;
- In-home services for elderly and disabled individuals;
- Financial assistance and advocacy for federal disability benefits for disabled individuals.

For more information, please visit http://dpss.lacounty.gov or contact your local District office.

Consumer Affairs — http://dca.lacounty.gov





The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) serves over 750,000 consumers annually and is the largest local consumer protection agency in the United States. The following is a list of services provided by DCA:

Consumer Protection: (800) 593-8222

Investigators resolve disputes with purchases, credit, automobiles, landlord tenant, identity theft and other consumer problems. DCA investigates complaints or provide counseling and referrals.

Real Estate Fraud and Homeowner Assistance:

(800) 973-3370

DCA provides counseling, investigates complaints, and serves as the central reporting agency for real estate fraud. DCA can help with problems concerning:

- A home purchase or sale
- Real estate fraud
- Refinancing
- Foreclosure
- Contractors
- Undeveloped land sales

Small Claims Advisors:

(213) 974-9759

DCA can help you use the Small Claims Court. Advisors will give you the information you need to:

- Get a case started
- Prepare for court
- Serve court papers
- Collect or pay a judgment

Dispute Settlement Service:

(213) 974-0825

Instead of going to court, DCA mediators can help you resolve disputes with neighbors, businesses, and others. The mediators are trained to be neutral and unbiased.

Identity Theft: (213) 974-9459

DCA can help you deal with credit card and credit reporting companies, bill collectors and others. DCA will help get your finances back to normal and stop thieves from making new charges.

Senior Abuse and Fraud Prevention: (213) 974-9778

Staff investigates cases of financial fraud and abuse against seniors. The effort is in partnership with the Department of Community and Senior Services. DCA also conducts "Smarter Senior Forums to educate the public about:

- Elder abuse
- Independence and safety at home
- Fraud, scams, and identity theft

Volunteer and Intern Opportunities: (213) 974-9740

DCA offers rewarding opportunities for volunteers and interns to work with consumer affairs professionals. Volunteers and interns assist staff with consumer counseling, mediation, investigations, and special projects.

AT-A-GLANCE DIRECTORY

County of Los Angeles Website:	Employment County of Los Angeles
www.lacounty.gov	24-Hour Job Hotline (800) 970-5478
2-1-1	Los Angeles Urban League WorkSource
(24 Hour Information and Referral Service) 2-1-1	Business and Career Center (323) 600-1106
Air Quality Concerns (800) 288-7664	Environmental Health:
	http://ph.lacounty.gov
Agricultural Commissioner/	24-Hour Hotline (888) 700-9995
Weights and Measures:	Food Vending on Street (626) 430-5500
http://acwm.lacounty.gov (626) 575-5472	Housing Complaints (310) 519-6060
	Insect/Vector (rats, mice) Control (310) 519-6060
Animal Care and Control: (310) 523-9566 http://animalcare.lacounty.gov	Retail Food Inspections (Restaurants) (323) 235-7009
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Assessor:	Consolidated Disposal Service (800) 299-4898
http://assessor.lacounty.gov	Garbage Disposal District (800) 404-4487
Property Tax Information (213) 974-3211	
110perty lax information	Graffiti Abatement
Poord of Supervisors	Graffiti Removal Request (800) 675-4357
Board of Supervisors:	Caltans-Freeway Walls and Signs (213) 897-3656
General Information (Second District) (213) 974-2222	
Second District Field Office (213) 974-1028	Health Centers:
California Hilab Datas I (CHD)	http://dhs.lacounty.gov
California High Patrol (CHP)	Hubert Humphrey
CHP Non-Emergency (24 Hours) (323) 906-3434	Comprehensive Health Center (323) 846-4312
CHP Culver City Office(310) 642-3939	H. Claude Hudson
(Monday-Friday) 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Health Center (213) 744-3945
Traffic Accidents 9-1-1	Martin Luther King, JrMACC (310) 668-4321
	Ruth Temple Health Center (323) 730-3507
Children Services	
Adoptions/Foster Care:	Housing
http://lacdcfs.org (888) 811-1121	Housing Authority (Section 8)
Child Abuse Hotline(800) 540-4000	http://www.lacdc.org (562) 347-4663
Child Care Hotline/CalWorks (877) 244-5399	Home Ownership Program (323) 890-7281
Child Support Services:	Home Rehabilitation Grants And Loans (323) 890-7239
http://cssd.lacounty.gov	
Los Angeles Universal Pre-School (866) 675-5400	Homeless Services (213) 683-3333
C	Emergency Shelter 2-1-1
Community and Senior Services:	Winter Shelter Hotline (800) 548-6047
http://css.lacounty.gov	
Area Agency on Aging	Juror Services (213) 974-5811
Elder Abuse Hotline	
Jobs and Training (888) 226-6300	Libraries:
6	http://www.colapublib.org
Consumer Concerns	Woodcrest Library (323) 757-9373
Consumer Affairs:	
http://dca.lacounty.gov (800) 593-8222	Parks and Recreation:
Scanner Overcharge	http://parks.lacounty.gov
Complaints-Utility Meters and Scales (562) 940-8911	Helen Keller Park (323) 241-6702
	Jesse Owens Park
Crisis Intervention	Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area (323) 298-3660
Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 978-3600	Maggie Hathaway Golf Course (323) 755-6285
2-1-1 (24 Hour Information and Referral Service) 2-1-1	Chester Washington Golf Course (323) 756-6975
	(3 2) 11 35 12

Public Safety Fire Station #14: http://fire.lacounty.gov (323) 756-9900 Sheriff's South Los Angeles Station: http://lasd.org...... (323) 820-6700 **Public Social Services:** http://dpss.lacounty.gov Southwest Family District Office #83 (323) 549-7661 Southwest Special District Office #08 (323) 420-2833 In-Home Supportive Services Office #77 (310) 349-5600 **Public Works:** http://dpw.lacounty.gov Abandoned Shopping Carts (800) 252-4613 Building and Safety (323) 586-6541 Road Maintenance (310) 649-5123

Regional Planning:

http://planning.lacounty.gov	
General Information	(213) 974-6411
Code Enforcement	(213) 974-6453
	or dial 2 1 1

Street Light Requests (626) 300-4726

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk:

http://rrcc.lacounty.gov			
Birth/Death/Marriage Records	(310)	727-61	42
Real Estate Recording/			
Voter Registration	. (800)	815-26	66

Utilities

Southern California Edison	(800) 655-4555
Emergency Line	(800) 611-1911
Southern California Gas Company	
Residential Customers	(800) 427-2200
Commercial Customers	(800) 427-2000
Self-Service Option	(800) 772-5050
Golden State Water Company	(800) 999-4033

Transportation

Access Services	(800)	827-0829
Commuter Action Network	(800)	266-6883
Dial-A-Ride	(323)	563-5653
Metro Bus and Rail Info	(800)	266-6883

Other Useful Numbers

Schools

Los Angeles Unified School District 8	(323) 354-3400
95th Street Elementary School	(323) 756-1466
West Athens Elementary School	(323) 756-9114
Woodcrest Elementary School	(323) 756-1371
Clay Middle School	(323) 600-6000
Washington Prep. High School	(323) 418-4000

Colleges

Los Angeles Southwest College (323) 241-5225

Be the First to Know! Register with Alert LA County

Los Angeles County has implemented an emergency mass notification system that will be used to contact County residents and businesses via recorded phone messages, text messages or e-mail messages in case of emergency. The system, called **Alert LA County**, will be used by the County's Emergency Operations Center to notify residents and businesses of emergencies or critical situations and provide information regarding necessary actions, such as evacuations. The system utilizes the telephone companies' 911 database and is able to contact land-line telephone numbers, whether listed or unlisted. If the call is picked up by an answering machine, the system will leave a recorded message. If the number called is busy or does not answer, the system will redial the number in an attempt to deliver the message. The system is also TTY/TDD compatible.



Alert.lacounty.gov

Because the **Alert LA County** system uses the 911 database, only land-line numbers are automatically included in the system. If you have a cellular or Voice over IP number and would like to be notified on that device, or if you would like an e-mail notification, you must register those telephone numbers and/or e-mail address by completing the registration form. **Listed and unlisted land line telephone numbers are already included in the database and do not need to be registered.**

Because the **Alert LA County** system uses geomaping, each telephone number and/or e-mail address can only be associated with one street address in the system. **Each telephone number and e-mail address that is registered will be contacted only when the street address it is associated with is impacted by a disaster or emergency.**

For more information about Alert LA County or to register, please visit http://portal.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/alertla.



You can dial 2-1-1 to access information for emergency food

and shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, report code enforcement problems, lowcost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, and many other services. As a resident of the unincorporated area of West Athens-Westmont, you can just simply dial 2-1-1 to access an array of municipal services, at no cost to you. The **2-1-1** information service is provided in many languages.

2-1-1 is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is confidential. NOTE: In case of an emergency, you still must dial 9-1-1.

If you are unable to access 2-1-1 directly, please call (800) 339-6993 or visit the 2-1-1 LA County website at www.211 LA.org.



Puede marcar el 2-1-1 para acceder información sobre alimentos

y refugios de emergencia, servicios para adultos mayores, guarderías, recursos para empleo, para reportar problemas con el cumplimiento de las normas, atención médica a bajo costo, apoyo relacionado con el consumo de alcohol y drogas, oportunidades para voluntarios, y muchos otros servicios. Como residente del área no constituida de West Athens-Westmont, puede simplemente marcar **2-1-1** para acceder a una variedad de servicios municipales, sin ningún costo para usted. El servicio informativo 2-1-1 se brinda en varios idiomas.

El servicio 2-1-1 opera las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana. La información que proporcione a los asesores de recursos es confidencial. NOTA: En caso de una emergencia, debe marcar el 9-1-1.

Si no puede acceder al servicio 2-1-1 directamente, por favor llame al (800) 339-6993, o visite el sitio web 2-1-1 del Condado de Los Ángeles en www.211 LA.org.

West Athens-Westmont

Landmarks (Lugares de Interés)

FIRE STATION (ESTACION DE BOMBEROS)

LIBRARY (BIBLIOTECA)

Cities (Ciudades)

Cities (Ciudades)

Unincorporated Areas (Áreas No Incorporadas)

Land Use (Uso del Terreno)

Cemetary (Cemeterio)

Community College (Colegio Comunitario)

(Bosques, Campo de Golf) Forrest, Golf Course

Shopping Mall (Centro Comercial)

Park, Open Space (Parque, Espacio Abierto)

Fire Station #170 (Estación de Bomberos #170) 10701 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

Inglewood, CA 90303

Fire Station #14 (Estación de Bomberos #14) 1401 W. 108th St. Los Angeles, CA 90044

Woodcrest Library (Biblioteca Woodcrest) 1340 W. 106th St. Los Angeles, CA 90044

Helen Keller Park (Parque Helen Keller) 1045 W. 126th St. Los Angeles, CA 90044

Jesse Owens Park (Parque Jesse Owens) 9650 S. Western Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90047

Maggie Hathaway Golf Course (Campo de Golf Maggie Hathaway) 9637 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90047

Chester Washington Golf Course (Campo de Golf Chester Washington) 1930 W. 120th St., Los Angeles, CA 90047



